

Infinite Visions®
Budget Vision 2009-2010
Listing of Fixes/Enhancements

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This year's BV Draft is a little tenuous due to what is happening, or not happening, at the legislature this year. Senate leadership has decided that no bills will be heard until they pass the budget bill. Since that is always the biggest battle, it is hard to say when any school finance legislation will be passed. There are so many school finance related rumors that it is difficult to create a BV Draft this year. Our BV Draft is usually very close to the final legislation, but this year it's hard to predict. To develop the BV Draft we made some assumptions and used the "Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) Individual Agency Detail for the Department of Education", which are listed below. If you agree with the assumptions, you can use the BV Draft as is or you can make some changes as you see fit. Because this is such an unusual year, we will probably be creating more versions of the BV Draft, as information becomes available. You will be notified by email, when each Draft version has been posted, including the changes that were made, so you can decide if you want to download that version or wait for a subsequent version. You will be required to download the non-draft version of Budget Vision that we post on our web site, after the state distributes their Worksheets and forms. Until that time, all the forms and Worksheets will have "DRAFT" printed on them and you will not be able to electronically submit them to ADE.

We've asked ADE when they will post the 100th day information on their website, which you need for your Worksheets, and they told us they will let us know when it's posted. You can get the data you need from other areas of their website and enter it manually. Do not download from ADE's website until we notify you that they have posted the 2009-10 data. We suggest you download and import the data from the ADE website just before you propose your budget, as a final check for accuracy.

Below are the changes to the 2009-10 BV Draft, most of which are based on the recommendations contained in the "Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) Individual Agency Detail for the Department of Education", pages 188 and 189:

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- Initial release of Budget Vision 2009-10 "Draft" version for use in creating Proposed and Projection Budgets.
- On the first time attaching to Budget Vision 2009-10, the user will receive a message asking if they would like to clear all Prior Year Worksheet amounts. Users have the option of not clearing Prior Year Worksheets on first time attaching by selecting the "No" option on this message. Worksheet data may be cleared at a later time by selecting the Clear Actual Worksheet Amounts option in the Utilities Menu.
- The JLBC recommendation is that the Base Level will not be increased. The Base Level Amount is unchanged from 0809 and is still \$3,291.41 in BV0910. (This is a preliminary amount for the Draft version of the program and is subject to change.) The Base Level is a major part of the calculation of your budget limits and, if you choose, you can easily increase the Base Level in the BV Draft on the Support Level screen.
- Disabled Worksheet A as Rapid Decline is recommended to be repealed.
- The Qualifying Tax Rate (QTR) is being proposed to change from \$1.4622 to \$1.3539 for PSD-8 and 9-12 and is included in the BV Draft. (This is a preliminary amount for the Draft version of the program and is subject to change.)
- Last year's K weight of 1.352 could change, but we have not yet changed this weight in the BV Draft.
- The Transportation Support Levels have been increased by 2% as follows:

<u>Approved Daily Route Miles Per Student Transported</u>	<u>0809 State Support Level Per Route Mile</u>	<u>0910 State Support Level Per Route Mile</u>
I. 0.5 or Less	\$2.27	\$2.32
II. More than 0.5 Up to 1.0	\$1.85	\$1.89
III. More than 1.0	\$2.27	\$2.32
- The present formula for Excess Utilities can no longer be used. There is a new formula in ARS 15-910.04 for Excess Utilities, but the JLBC recommendation is to repeal that law. We have disabled Worksheet N but we are not including the new formula in BV Draft. We are also deleting line 9(e) on Page 7 of 8. We will not re-number the page until we see the new AG/ADE Budget Page 7 of 8.
- The Additional Assistance for Charter Schools on Worksheet I, Line V.D.2 was increased by 2%: K-8 increased from 1474.16 to 1503.64 and 9-12 increased from 1718.10 to 1752.46.

- The soft cap on Desegregation is recommended to be extended.
- The existing statewide freeze on JTEDs is recommended to be continued.
- It is recommended to repeal the new teacher performance pay funding formula in ARS 15-977G3.